

A Woman Highwayman

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

I doubt if many women have made a greater swing of the pendulum of social condition than I. In the year 1790 I was put into a crib draped with Brussels lace. My father, the Duke of Montmarville, was a favorite of King Louis XVI, who showered him with favors. Ten years later my father had gone down in the reign of terror and I was an exile.

But I had in me the blood of warriors. The great Turenne was an ancestor of mine. Naturally when I found that I could not make a living as a woman I turned to the career of a man. I would have fought for France, but my ancestors had served their country under the royal standard bearing the fleur-de-lis. If I donned man's attire I must fight under the tricolor for the usurper Bonaparte, who was emperor by virtue of the blood of the king. No, I would not go into the army.

But I resolved to return to France. How I made my way there I can now hardly recall. I had become so used to hardship that the days I traveled on foot, the nights I slept in woods, my breakfasts of berries, my dinners—when I had them—given by some kindly farmer's wife, made no lasting impression on me.

I remember well that one day I found myself in boy's clothing at the gates of the chateau in which I was born. I asked a man passing who lived there. He said that an army contractor had bought the place from the government, which had confiscated it after cutting off the head of its owner, the Duke of Montmarville. Most women would have burst into tears. Instead, I was enraptured.

"This is a world of robbery," I said, "and I will rob like the rest."

I stole a pistol, but I could find no ammunition to steal and had no money to buy any. But I soon had money aplenty, for I lay in wait for the contractor who occupied my birthplace, and when he was being driven into the gate by his fat coachman I stopped the coach, ordered the driver to dismount from the box and, opening the door, presented my unloaded pistol at the occupant and demanded his money. He happened to have a well filled purse, which he tremblingly handed me.

I found money made by robbing so easy and so lucrative that I bought a horse and equipment for the road. I did not think to wear a mask. I had no cause to hide my visage. I was the daughter of a duke, but not a soul in France knew me as such or knew me at all, for that matter. I robbed only at night, and no one could see my features in the darkness. One night I stopped a coach, and after receiving the contribution of a man in it and was about to turn away he said:

"Mademoiselle, I shall know that voice if I ever hear it again. You are not a man, but a woman."

"I care not if you do," I replied, "nor if you should see my features or know who I am, for mine is a wrecked life. I would it had been ended, as was my father's, on the guillotine."

"Who was your father?" he asked.

"But I could not bring myself to let him know of the disgrace I had brought upon my family, and, putting spurs to my horse, I rode away."

A love for a life of adventure grew upon me, and I caught the spirit of a Claude Duval.

Hearing that a ball was to be given by a person whom Bonaparte had enriched as King Louis had enriched my father, a desire seized me to attend it dressed in the apparel of my sex. Donning an ordinary woman's clothing, I went to Paris and bought a costume fit for the rank to which I was entitled. On the night of the ball I hired a coach and a maid and when the entertainment was in full swing drove up to the door, alighted, went to a robing room and then down into the drawing room to the host and hostess, who were receiving their guests.

Madame looked at me in wonder, having never seen me before and uncertain whether I had been bidden or had come without an invitation. Her husband, who did not know all the guests, looked at me curiously. Their son, a man nearing thirty years of age, gazed at me with admiration as well as surprise.

"Pardon me," said his mother. "I do not recall your features."

"I am the Duchess of Mont-what-you-like," I replied.

All looked at me in astonishment, but I saw the younger man start, and recovered his equanimity at once and, offering me his arm, led me away. As soon as we were out of hearing he turned to me and said:

"I told you that I would know your voice should I ever hear it again, and to convince you that I was right you are the highway woman who robbed me of 10 napoleons a few months ago."

I tried to disengage my arm from his that I might take to flight, but he was stronger than I and held me.

"Fear nothing," he said. "I will keep your secret."

I never again donned man's attire. My victim persuaded me to permit him through his father to plead my cause with Bonaparte, who was endeavoring to conciliate the old nobility of France. In the end I received back a portion of my estate, including the chateau, and I now live there peacefully with my husband, whom I robbed on the highway.

Serena Sarcaam.

"You have completely upset my train of thought," exclaimed the irascible man.

BETHEL

Maxine Olive Ford, the 16-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ford of Randolph, died Wednesday and after the funeral in that village yesterday the remains were accompanied to Cherry Hill cemetery in this place and interred in the Ford family lot, Rev. W. Benjamin Reynolds conducting the service at the grave.

Miss Wilhelmina Fairchild of Royalton, a senior at Whitcomb high school, is ill with grip at John Gay's where she boards, and her mother came to care for her. Miss Carrie Rogers, a high school freshman, is recovering from an attack of the same disease.

The contract recently awarded the Woodbury Granite Co. is for a mausoleum to be located in the Forest cemetery of St. Paul, Minn.

In a recent basketball game the town team, made up of Putnam, Haskins, E. Rogers, M. Rogers and C. Blossom, defeated the Whitcomb high school team by a large score. The girls' high school team defeated the teachers' team on the same floor.

Walter Lewis is keeping open the Burridge garage during the absence of Mr. Burridge, who is with his father in Brainerd. The rooms occupied by the Lewis family at C. F. Waldo's have been fumigated and the quarantine removed since the recovery of the 12-year-old daughter, Elizabeth Lewis, from a mild case of diphtheria.

The Woodbury Granite Co. has issued a vest pocket diary for 1917 containing cuts of more than 20 large buildings in various parts of the country in which either Bethel or Woodbury granite has been used.

At the auction Thursday at Harry Emery's, the farm and hay were not sold, but the cows and machinery sold readily for good prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Abbott have gone to Northfield, where he has employment. Mrs. Olivia (Cushing) Stevens, aged 81 years, widow of the late Salomon M. Stevens, died Dec. 21 last, in Auburn, Cal., where nearly the whole of her long married life of 43 years was spent. Her husband dying less than a year ago. She was a sister of the late J. D. Cushing and an aunt of C. D. Cushing. She was born here and had lived in Auburn nearly 60 years. She is survived by two sons, F. S. Stevens and W. D. Stevens.

George E. Davies, who came from Burlington last week to attend the funeral of his niece, Alice May Holbrook, has resumed his studies at the University of Vermont.

A get-together sewing club of 15 members held its first meeting at Mrs. John D. Wheeler's Wednesday evening. A membership of about 30 is expected and the meetings will be held on alternate Wednesday evenings.

Eugene H. Perry has sold his place on North Main street, which has been his residence for some time, to Leslie Farr, one of his assistants in the work of the Standard Oil Co., who has taken possession and has moved in.

Haven Greene, a sixth grade pupil and son of Dr. O. V. Greene, is ill with diphtheria.

Carl O. Spaulding has a force of a dozen men filling his icehouse at Lake Ansel. He cuts in all about 500 tons, of which about 75 tons will be stored in the village. This season's ice is of good quality and about a foot thick.

Ernest M. Carpenter is disabled by temporary lameness and his milk route is being run by Mrs. Carpenter and her sister, Mrs. W. V. Lawless.

Miss Bernice Davis, who teaches the Howard school in Royalton and lives in that town and is well known here, recently was married to Fred Steinhous of Springfield, also well known here.

WORCESTER

The M. E. Sunday school reorganized Sunday with C. N. Curtis as superintendent; Mrs. Carrie Town, assistant; Miss Carmen Cane, treasurer; Chester Ladd, secretary; Mrs. Charles Cane, librarian.

Miss Lillian Rember has returned from Franklin, where she had been visiting. Supt. W. B. Lance was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson and daughter, Dennis, and granddaughter, Grace Dodge, visited Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Pauline Lawrence, in Montpelier Tuesday.

Miss Dennis Johnson has employment in the office of the National Life Insurance company for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dodge were visitors in Montpelier Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis were over-Sunday visitors with their daughter, Mrs. Walter Copeland, in Woodbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davis have returned to Calais after visiting Mrs. Daisy's sister, Mrs. William Utton.

Mrs. Charlotte Utton and Mrs. C. N. Curtis and little Marion visited the State House Thursday.

EAST BETHEL

R. H. Buck has rigged up a temporary shop in C. K. Smith's building near the bridge and is painting his own and other automobiles.

Muriel Allen, a scholar in the village school, froze her face while sliding Thursday at recess.

The remains of Mrs. Mary Day, a former resident and the widow of Kilburn Day, were brought here and buried in the village cemetery Wednesday.

Nash Hibbard, who is in poor health, is not as well.

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SOUTH RYEGATE

Miss Nellie Roben was in Barre Saturday, where she attended the funeral of Miss Nora Adams.

The U. P. church is observing this week as the week of prayer.

Mrs. Nelson Whitehill was called to St. Johnsbury Saturday by news of the death of her nephew, Franklin W. Carpenter, who accidentally shot himself with a borrowed rifle Friday.

Among those who went Monday to Hanover, N. H., to hear Billy Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tewksbury, Mrs. A. T. Beaton, Mrs. C. M. Libby, H. W. Goodline, J. F. McLam and Mrs. Ida Pearson.

Norman Bone, who entered Goddard seminary at Barre in September and who has recently been entertaining the measles at his home here, has begun attendance in the grammar room of the village school.

Rev. S. T. Simpson spent Thursday in Barre as the guest of Rev. Edgar Crossland.

Burton P. Crowe went Tuesday to St. Johnsbury to serve as jurymen at the Caledonia county court, which reconvened Jan. 9.

Miss Agnes Hersey of East Corinth, Me., whose readings were well received here last year, gave an entertainment in the U. P. church Thursday evening, assisted by Mrs. Adine Hale Farwell, contraalto, of Wells River. Owing to the severe cold, the audience was small.

The many friends of Dr. Angus Smith of New York City are glad to hear that he is recovering from his recent illness. Alex Beaton, Jr., is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Mabel Terry was in Montpelier and Barre Wednesday.

Mrs. Lizzie Stewart, a former resident of South Ryegate, died at her home in Ryegate from the effects of a shock, Jan. 2. Mrs. Stewart was the sister of Mrs. W. E. Bailey of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tewksbury spent Wednesday in Montpelier and Barre.

Miss Jennie Webster of Cabot is visiting at C. H. Grant's.

Rev. D. M. McKinlay was called to Newbury Friday morning to assist his son, Dr. Leslie McKinlay, whose house caught fire Thursday night and was considerably damaged by fire and the water used to extinguish the flames.

GROTON

Mrs. Leon Hutchins was taken to the Heaton hospital, Montpelier, Thursday forenoon for an operation for appendicitis. She was accompanied by Mrs. George Welch, her sister-in-law, and Dr. N. A. Caldwell.

A trained nurse is caring for the children of Mr. and Mrs. George Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hutchins, who are ill of scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Frost were in Wells River Thursday.

S. P. Welch, who was taken ill the first of the week, is somewhat improved.

On account of scarlet fever the village school is postponed until notice from the school board. There have been about a dozen cases of the disease, nearly all very light.

Friends of Neil Benzie will be interested to learn of his marriage to Miss Marie Darling of Rockville, Ont.

The children of Andrew Ashford, who have been sick, threatened with pneumonia, are recovering.

Judge F. M. Page was a business visitor in Montpelier yesterday.

M. E. Beckley has been in Hardwick several days this week on telephone business.

Ralph Lord left Thursday for St. Johnsbury, where he has employment in the office of the St. Johnsbury Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Atkinson returned the first of the week from a visit of several days with friends in Newbury.

George Eastman visited his son, Harry, at Woodville, N. H., Tuesday.

Mrs. Lydia Page, who was badly injured Tuesday by falling on the ice, was moved Wednesday from the home of Mrs. Jane Page at Westville, to that of her son, Myron Page, at Ricker's mill.

Misses Jennie Dennis and Bernice Ricker were at Woodville, N. H., Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Robert Park.

Mrs. G. E. Smith came to her home from Quebec, P. Q., Sunday, returning Wednesday night, accompanied by her sister, Miss Mattie Hatch.

WAITSFIELD

Church Notices.

Congregational church—William A. Beale, pastor, 10:45 a. m., communion, postponed from last Sunday. Sermon by pastor; subject, "The Christian's Responsibility." Children's sermon subject, "The Three Wise Men." 12 m., Sunday school in all departments. 7:30, C. E. subject, "Ought," Ps. 50:1-5; leader, Eva Annie Bishop.

M. E. Church—Isaac Mellor, pastor, 10:45, sermon by pastor; subject, "A Talk with Christian Beginners." 12 m., Sunday school. 7:30, Epworth league; subject, "League Local Study Course." 1 Tim. 4:13, Deut. 11:18-21, Ps. 119:27, leader, Mrs. Grace Wright. Thursday, 7:30 p. m., union prayer meeting.

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NORTHFIELD

Leon Fiske has gone to Groton where he has employment in the meat market of Scott D. Welch.

Mrs. E. L. Field returned Wednesday from Burlington, where she has been several weeks caring for her sister, Mrs. Harry C. Chamberlain.

Miss Mildred A. House of Berlin, who is recovering from an operation, is visiting Mrs. Clemmie Covell. Miss House is an employee in the office of the commissioner of taxes.

Claude L. Morse and J. M. Donahue were in Waitsfield Wednesday on business.

At the last meeting of the commissioners of the Center cemetery it was voted to change the name of the cemetery to Mount Hope cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi T. Cross have announced the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Esther, to Leon E. Ryder, who graduated from Norwich university in the class of 1916 and who is now a lieutenant in the United States cavalry.

A. E. Bryant was in Montpelier yesterday to see Mrs. Bryant, who is at Heaton hospital. Mrs. Bryant was taken to the hospital Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Richmond left yesterday morning for New York, on their way to Florida, where they will spend the next two months. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond will visit their son, Harold, in New York for a few days before sailing for Jacksonville.

At the special village meeting Tuesday evening, the proposed amendments to the laws of the village, relating to sidewalks, were carried, and the meeting also voted to accept the provisions of chapter 160 of the public statutes. The village trustees held a meeting immediately after the special meeting and elected Charles E. McNamara as building inspector.

Allen Plumley, Louis Reeves, Wayne Slack, Kenneth Burke, Ivan Davis, Elroy Hedges, William Previer, Stanley Slack, Theron McIntosh and Harold Smith left yesterday for Burlington, to attend the Old Boys' conference to be held there to-day and Sunday.

MARSHFIELD

Our buttermaker, C. M. Lilley, has put Marshfield on the map by winning the silver creamery cup at the Vermont dairymen's convention in Burlington this week. The cup was awarded Mr. Lilley for having the highest score in the state on creamery butter.

A. L. Preston left Wednesday morning for the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. A. V. Nelson of Cabot.

Mrs. Nellie English is home from Walham, Mass., the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Swedfeger.

Mrs. Melinda Bemis, who has been quite ill with grip the past week, is reported better.

There is to be a masquerade ball Friday evening, Jan. 19, in K. of P. hall. Prizes will be awarded the best costumed couple and the poorest costumed. Music will be furnished by Wells' orchestra. Supper will be served by Mrs. Elvira Carr, caterer.

Miss Ruby Davis and brother, George, left Thursday morning for Rochester to attend the funeral of their grandfather, E. W. McWain.

Rev. F. E. Currier of Lower Cabot will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church next Sunday morning, Jan. 14. Come.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Davis and daughter, Harriet, of Bradford are the guests of his father, J. W. Davis.

WATERBURY

"Religious Education" is the theme tomorrow at the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. Verne L. Smith, pastor. It is also hoped that W. J. Atkinson, Sunday school worker among the Methodist churches of New Hampshire and Vermont, will be present and speak. The interests of the religious educational work among the young people will be considered at the evening service, which will be followed by a Sunday school teachers' meeting.

At the congregational church the pastor, Rev. William L. Bolcott, will preach on "Creative Discontent." In Sunday school officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Carroll Swasey, Frank Groat and J. Burleigh Lyford represent the departments of this church at the older boys' conference in Burlington.

Rev. Robert Devoy will celebrate mass at the Vermont state hospital at 9 o'clock; mass at the parish church at 10:30. The men of the parish will have their monthly meeting in the evening and the Altar society will hold their meeting after the morning service.

Session of the White Memorial Sunday school at Duxbury Corner in the afternoon; Mr. Carpenter, superintendent.

The members of Dillingham grange are invited to a card party at the home of Edward Goodheart this evening. Ladies are requested to bring cake or doughnuts. There will be a small charge for the supper for the piano fund.

WOODBURY

Daniel Cookson and son, Charles, are in town for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. H. E. Webber is quite ill with mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ainsworth visited relatives in Hardwick over the weekend.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nelson Dec. 27.

Burt Dodge of Worcester was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Anna Carr and daughter, Ila, were over-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morton McKinstry in South Woodbury.

Mrs. N. A. Ross is in Barre, a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Abigail Michauk.

Judge Dana was a business visitor in Montpelier Tuesday.

Resolutions.

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has thought it wise and best to remove from our midst a beloved sister and charter member of our lodge, Sister Lucy Sargent, and while we deeply feel the loss of one who was always interested in the welfare of our order, we can but feel that our loss is her gain. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Barre Daily Times and that a copy be spread upon the records of our lodge and a copy be sent to our bereaved sister, Lowell Pittsley, daughter of the deceased.

Addie Patterson, Noble Patterson, Abbie Waugh, Committee on Resolutions.

HARDWICK

The Craftsbury academy team continued its record of victories when it defeated the Boy Scout team of this place at the local gymnasium last Thursday night, by a score of 30 to 18. This was not so bad when the size, height and weight of the visiting team is taken into consideration, having three men that will weigh from 175 to 190 and the other two over 100 pounds, against a team of boys averaging about 140, and the C. A. boys were nearly all six-footers. The lighter team put up a great scrap, but weight and height counted in the end. At the close of the first period, the score stood 14 to 12 in favor of the visitors, but the C. A. boys came back stronger in the second half and won out as first stated. A game between Hardwick academy and C. A. will be played at Craftsbury in the near future, and it is hoped the visitors will be seen here again before the winter is gone. The C. A. team makes the fans think of the old Montpelier high combination, with Jim Laird and the other large Laird brothers.

Sam Daniels was a recent business visitor in St. Johnsbury.

Charles A. Adams is home from Boston for a short vacation and is visiting friends here and relatives in Groton.

Alex. Miles was taken to the Hardwick hospital for treatment last Thursday evening.

The Hermon temple installation took place at the K. P. hall Thursday evening and was an interesting occasion.

About 20 boys from this town are in Burlington, together with Rev. E. G. French, attending the Old Boys' conference, which is being held in that city for a few days.

Harold Lawrence finishes work in the Davis furniture store to-night.

Interior repairs are being made in the Hardwick Hardware company's store. The room formerly used as Clark's barber shop has been made into a stove display room, thereby giving much more needed room in the main store than formerly.

Miss Margaret (Peggy) Thomson was presented a nice china tea set last Thursday evening by a large gathering of friends and neighbors at her home in Herseyville, the occasion being in honor of her 20th birthday anniversary, the affair being a complete and genuine surprise to Miss Thomson. The usual good time was had, playing games and singing, and socially, and the partaking of refreshments, all went to make up a very pleasant evening.

Clarence Batchelder and daughter of Northumberland, N. H., have been guests of friends here this week.

The vital statistics of the town show 23 marriage licenses issued by the town clerk, as well as the recording of 56 births, 30 girls and 26 boys, and the filing of 34 death certificates.

Dr. E. M. Crane left the first of the week for New York City, where he will take in the big auto show this week, after which he will take a course of lectures along special lines of work. The doctor will be absent several weeks.

William C. Clifford of Bethel was a business visitor in town the first of the week.

Mrs. Martha Goodno has returned from a visit with relatives in Enfield, N. H.

Mrs. W. A. Dutton was a recent visitor in Morrisville.

Carroll Dunell has returned from Montpelier, P. Q., where he went the first of the month to work.

As usual, the Hermon Temple ladies' card party Tuesday evening was a very much enjoyed and well attended occasion.

Experiences and Observations.

To Cool the Oven—Opening the oven door cools the oven too quickly. A better way is to put a dish of very cold water in the oven. This will lower the temperature gradually.

To Remove Oil Stains—A good way to take out sewing machine oil spots is to dampen the spots with ammonia, then wash out with white soap, first with cold and then with warm water. M. F. J.

To Wash Hairbrushes—Do you know that ammonia or borax with warm water is the best thing for washing hair brushes? Put a teaspoon of either in a basin of hot water and dip brush up and down, rinsing it thoroughly.

Sensible Strength-Saving—It is not easy to sit at your work, but a sensible saving of strength. I have a stool to sit on when ironing small things like handkerchiefs and towels. When I wash dishes I have beside me a